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## DIGEST

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HB No. 649

**Abstract:** Relative to the La. State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), creates the Adult Probation and Parole Officer Retirement Fund (fund) and provides for a one-time probation and parole processing fee to be deposited in such fund, which monies shall remain in such fund until such time as the legislature provides benefit enhancements for certain probation and parole officers.

### Probation and Parole Processing Fee

Proposed law provides for a one-time probation and parole processing fee of \$65 assessed for each new adult probation and parole case file opened after June 30, 2009. Provides that such fee shall be collected at the offender's first meeting with any such officer after June 30, 2009, or, if provided for by rule promulgated by DPS&C, over a time period not to exceed 12 months.

### Adult Probation and Parole Officer Retirement Fund

Proposed law creates the "Adult Probation and Parole Officer Retirement Fund" (fund) in the state treasury. Provides that beginning with FY 2009-2010, the treasurer shall deposit in and credit to the fund on a monthly basis an amount equal to the sum collected for the processing fee charged pursuant to proposed law less any decrease from other parole and probation fees collected in FY 2008-2009 and the amount of fees collected in the current fiscal year, if there is a decrease in the collection of such fees.

Proposed law provides that monies in the fund shall remain in the fund until the legislature provides for enhanced retirement benefits for probation and parole officers in the office of adult services of DPS&C who have service credit in the primary component of the system. If the legislature fails to provide for such enhancements by June 30, 2015, the monies in the fund become available to DPS&C to defray costs of probation and parole supervision.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Adds R.S. 11:546 and R.S. 15:574.4.2)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill.

1. Changes the amount deposited into the fund to equal the sum collected for the processing fee charged less any decrease from other parole and probation fees collected in FY 2008-2009 and the amount of fees collected in the current fiscal year, if there is a decrease in the collection of such fees.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Deletes assessment of the one-time fee of \$65 for each new case file existing on June 30, 2009, and instead, assesses the fee on each new case file opened after June 30, 2009.